

Subchapter A. Permanent Fund for Children and Public Health

§83.1. Purpose.

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) The grants shall be known as a part of the “Public Health Improvement Grants.”
- (c) (No change.)

§83.2. Definitions .

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1)-(4) (No change.)

(5) Innovation - A new methodology for evaluating or measuring the impact of a project on health status, partnership with a new or non-traditional partner to conduct project activities, new or non-traditional target population or service area in which to conduct the project, or a new intervention or prevention strategy to address a public health issue.

(6) Minority populations - African-Americans, American Indians, Asians or Hispanics in Texas or other population in Texas for which a health disparity can be demonstrated by the applicant.

(7)-(9) (No change.)

§83.3. Philosophy.

- (a) The intent of the grants is to build capacity to address public health issues, and identify and/or develop improved intervention and prevention strategies.
- (b) In making these grants, the goal of the department is to improve public health outcomes at the community level and to strengthen the public health infrastructure through improved essential public health service delivery.
- (c) – (d) (No change.)

§83.4. The Grants.

The grants shall consist of three parts:

(1) (No change.)

(2) Part II. Grants to local communities to address specific public health priorities of minority populations with demonstrated disparities in health status, including sickle cell anemia, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, heart attack, stroke, keloid tissue and scarring, respiratory disease and other conditions or diseases relating to minority populations that demonstrate disparities in health status; and

(3) (No change.)

§83.5. Sources and Allocation of Funds.

(a)-(f) (No change.)

(g) If the funds for a part are not completely expended or allocated, the department shall have the authority to redistribute funds among the other two parts based on unfunded responses to a previous or current request for proposals. The percentage in subsection (e) of this section shall not apply to the redistribution of funds.

(h) (No change.)

§83.6. Eligibility for Grants.

(a) The following persons shall be eligible for the grants:

(1) Part I grants. Any person or other entity, public or private, except the department;

(2) Part II grants. Any county, municipality, public health district, other political subdivision or nonprofit organization in Texas; and

(3) Part III grants. Any county, municipality, public health district, or other political subdivision in Texas.

(b) An applicant may apply for grants under more than one part, but may not be funded under multiple parts for a single application.

§83.7. Requirements for Grants.

(a) (No change.)

(b) Applicants for grants shall submit, as a part of their application, a preliminary plan that identifies a public health issue, evaluates the effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of the essential public health services that are provided under the grant to address the public health issue, and demonstrates how the project will build capacity within the community to continue to address the public health issue. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the grant recipient will work with the department to finalize the preliminary plan required in this section. The plan must, at a minimum:

(1)-(2) (No change.)

(c)-(d) (No change.)

§83.8. Procedures for Grant Announcements.

(a) (No change.)

(b) The department shall maintain a list of persons to be notified of requests for proposals. Any person wanting to be placed on the list should contact: Commissioner of Health, Attention: TDH Public Health Improvement Grants, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.

(c) The department shall develop and publish one or more requests for proposals, which shall contain details concerning, but not limited to, the following:

(1)-(3) (No change.)

(4) specific funding and project requirements that may fund rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less;

(5) the information and format required for grant applications;

(6) information about the criteria used to judge grant applications; and

(7) the closing date.

(d) (No change.)

§83.10. Competitive Review Process.

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) The department's review process shall be completed within 60 days after the closing date.

§83.11. Selection Criteria.

(a) (No change.)

(b) A grant application will be given funding preference, in a manner determined by the department and announced in the request for proposal, to the extent that it:

(1) demonstrates how the project will build capacity within the community to address the public health issue identified in the application;

(2)-(3) (No change.)

(4) demonstrates an innovative intervention or prevention strategy that is replicable in other parts of Texas;

(5)-(9) (No change.)

§83.13. Continuation Funding.

(a) Grant recipients may be eligible for continuation funding. The department will consider the grant recipient's accomplishments, progress toward or completion of stated goals and objectives, proposal to conduct additional data analysis or evaluation to enhance the impact of the project, compliance with contract requirements, progress toward building the capacity or development of alternative funding to continue to address the public health issue within the community. Applications shall be submitted in accordance with instructions of the department.

(b) The department will award continuation grants after a review of applications in accordance with the instructions of the department.